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Attorney General John Ashcroft, DOJ 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

Today I take the time to encourage the Department of Justice to accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement. The DOJ and Microsoft have slugged this battle out for over three years. It is time to put an end to it. A settlement is available and the terms are fair. It is rally about time that the government accepted it.

In order to put this issue behind them, Microsoft has agreed to many terms. They have consented to design future versions of Windows to be more compatible with non-Microsoft software, making it so that features like Explorer and Windows Messaging can be replaced by Netscape and IM. They have also agreed to change several aspects in the way they do business with computer makers. Microsoft has given up a lot in order to settle the issue. It is time for the government - and the courts - to accept the settlement and move on.

Microsoft and the technology industry need to move forward, and the only way to move forward is to put this issue in the past. Please accept the Microsoft antitrust settlement.

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